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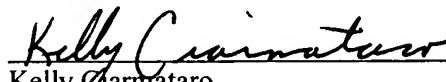
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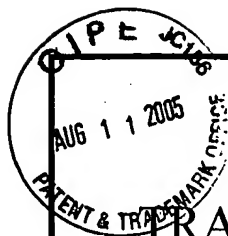

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

In addition, Applicants wish to inform the Examiner about the European Search Report for European Patent Application Serial No. EP 03 02 7083.9, dated July 25, 2005 (Reference C1), which issued in the corresponding European patent application of the above-identified patent application.

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- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

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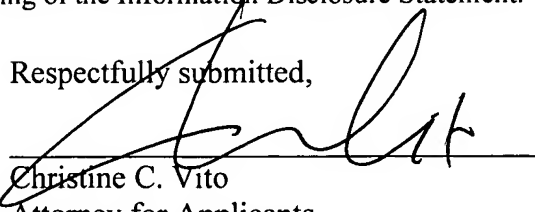
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| | C1 | European Search Report for European Patent Application Serial No. EP 03 02 7083.9, dated July 25, 2005, 3 pgs. | | | | | | | |
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